

1                   METHOD FOR LEVELING AND COATING A SUBSTRATE AND AN  
2                   ARTICLE FORMED THEREBY



3                   ABSTRACT

4                   A method for providing a level surface onto which a metallic coating may be  
5                   applied is provided. Articles formed using the method are also provided. The method  
6                   involves leveling the surface of a substrate by applying an electrophoresis polymeric  
7                   coating following by a physical vapor deposition of a metallic coating.